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NEW HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES BEING CONSTRUCTED
IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

BUILD NEW HIGHWAYS -- Oslobodjenje, 30 May 51

Because priority is being given this year to construction of industrial plants and because of the increase in the price of construction materials, the construction of new and reconstruction of old highways in Bosnia-Herzegovina is being limited to those highways which are most important for the economy or for tourism.

The 40-kilometer Pale-Bistrica-Brus-Vrace-Sarajevsko Polje tourist highway is being reconstructed. Entirely new sections of the road are being built between Celine and Brus, and between Surine Njive and Vrace; each of these sections is 4 kilometers long. Over 10 kilometers of the highway are to be rebuilt this year. This highway will connect all the tourist centers around Sarajevo.

Twenty-eight kilometers of roads are under construction in eastern Bosnia, near Zvornik, to replace roads which are being flooded on both sides of the Drina River for the hydroelectric power plant reservoir. New roads are being built between Zvornik and Drinjaca, and between Drinjaca and Ijubovija.

A new road 10 kilometers long is under construction from the main dam of the Jablanica Hydroelectric Power Plant to Marina Pecina (Marina grotto). The new road will run about 5 meters above the highest part of the projected artificial lake. The present road in the Neretva and Rama river valleys will be flooded by the projected lake.

The highway from Banja Luka to Jajce is being reconstructed. A new 62-kilometer-long road is under construction from Gornji Seher to Karanovac, thus eliminating the need to cross two bridges near these towns. The bridges are not strong enough to support the heavy loads of machinery being transported to the Jajce Hydroelectric Power Plant.

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A 6-kilometer-long road is under construction on the right bank of the Vrbas River from Han Skela to Podmilacje, which will eliminate the use of two bridges on the road to Banja Luka.

10 BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Oslobođenje, 30 May 51

Ten bridges are under construction in Bosnia-Herzegovina. A 34-meter-long steel bridge is being built on the Sarajevo-Mostar road near Aleksini Han over the Neretva River to replace the present temporary bridge. This bridge is to be completed by the end of June.

A 23-meter-long bridge over the Sujica River on the Mostar-Livno Road near Siroki Brijeg will be completed soon.

A 115-meter-long reinforced-concrete bridge over the Trebisnica River near Trebinje is also under construction.

Work began this year on a large iron bridge over the Sava River near Bosanska Gradiska; this bridge is to be 240 meters long. Parts from the demolished bridge over the Sava River in Belgrade will be utilized for the new bridge.

Work is to begin on a reinforced-concrete bridge over the Una River in Bihac, to replace the bridge destroyed during the war.

A 180-meter-long wooden bridge is under construction over the Bosna River in Modric, which will connect the parallel roads from Doboje to Samac.

The famous historical bridge in Visegrad on the Drina River, 84 meters of which were damaged during the war, is now being reconstructed. Three of the five arches which were destroyed have been completed.

Two concrete bridges are nearing completion over the Rzav River on the Visegrad-Dobrun-Uzice railroad. These two bridges are 36 and 24 meters long, respectively, and will be put in operation in June.

A new wooden bridge 141 meters long with five arches has already been put in operation; this bridge is over the Drina River in Gorazde.

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